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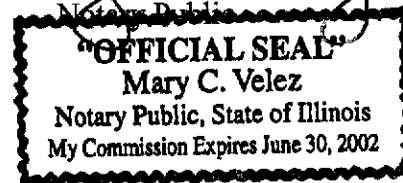
Willena D. Slocum, being duly sworn, states on oath that she is Project Manager – Contract Negotiations Support for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Agreement and Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Willena D. Slocum

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of June, 2000.

Mary C. Velez



telecommunications carriers can negotiate their own arrangements pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act.

The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. It is a comprehensive agreement that tailors the interconnection and service arrangements previously approved by the Commission for competition to meet the individual needs of the parties and thereby will promote competition for data and transport services. The Agreement will enhance New Edge's ability to quickly begin providing residential and business subscribers in Ameritech Illinois' service territory with a competitive alternative for their data and transport services. Under the Agreement, customers will be able to choose New Edge Network, Inc. instead of Ameritech Illinois for these services.

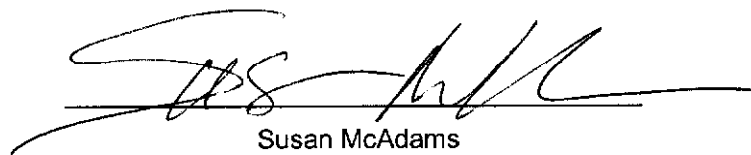
The Agreement meets all requirements of the Act and the Commission should approve it.

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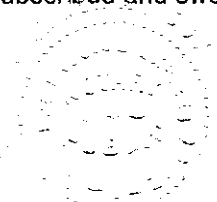
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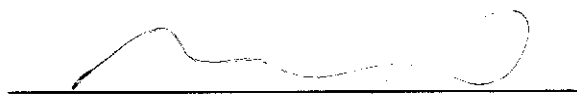
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I, Susan McAdams, being duly sworn, states an oath that she is Vice President – Government and Industry Affairs for New Edge Network, Inc., and that the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Agreement and Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.


Susan McAdams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June, 2000.




Notary Public